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**STOCKTON MAN ARRAIGNED FOR AGGRAVATED
IDENTITY THEFT, COUNTERFEITING U.S. CURRENCY,
AND OTHER FEDERAL FELONY CRIMES**

SACRAMENTO--United States Attorney McGregor W. Scott announced today that DEREK ADAM NAASZ, 27, was arraigned today in federal court by U.S. Magistrate Judge Kimberly J. Mueller on six felony charges, including bank and credit card fraud, I.D. theft, possession of stolen U.S. Mail, and counterfeiting U.S. currency.

The case was investigated by the United States Postal Inspection Service, with the assistance of the Stockton Police Department.

According to the indictment, in October 2005, in the city of Stockton, NAASZ possessed numerous items of stolen U.S. mail, including stolen personal checks. NAASZ attempted to cash a forged check with stolen identification. In addition, the indictment charges that NAASZ fraudulently possessed over 15 stolen credit card account numbers, and that he manufactured counterfeit U.S. currency, specifically \$10 and \$20 denominations.

According to Assistant U.S. Attorney Michelle Rodriguez, who is prosecuting the case, federal law provides a minimum mandatory two year sentence of imprisonment for aggravated identity theft, which sentence is required to run consecutive to whatever sentence is given for bank fraud, possession of stolen U.S. Mail, counterfeiting, and credit card fraud. In

sum, NAASZ faces a maximum sentence of 65 years imprisonment, a five year term of

supervised release, restitution, and a fine of up to \$2,000,000.

The indictment contains only accusations and defendant NAASZ is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt.

Today, U.S. Magistrate Judge Mueller ordered NAASZ held in custody on the federal charges. NAASZ is scheduled for his next appearance in U.S. District Court, before Judge Garland E. Burrell, on December 16, 2005.

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